

Fremont Conservation Commission
05-01-06 Minutes

Fremont Conservation Commission
Minutes of May 1, 2006
Approved June 5, 2006

Present: Chairman Jack Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien and Tina Sturdivant, Alternate Pat deBeer, Secretary Meredith Bolduc. Mbr. Knee joined the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to allow Alt. DeBeer voting rights for this meeting.
Motion seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

PRIME WETLANDS STUDY

The Prime Wetlands Study was again discussed. Mbr. O'Brien reported that Mark West, of West Environmental, Inc. was scheduled to meet with the Commission tonight, but he could not make it. It was agreed to reschedule him for 7:30 pm on May 15, 2006.

Mbr. O'Brien reiterated that the Prime Wetlands Study says it is to be done in phases and that only one phase has been completed. It also states that future phases of the study will map, evaluate and designate additional important wetlands within Fremont. There are 54 wetland complexes in town. She related that there is one 50 acre complex at the south west corner of town along the Exeter River as well as eight complexes that are 15-20 acres in size.

Mbr. O'Brien reported that she met with the Selectmen last Thursday to verify that using the Current Use fund would be an appropriate usage for a study of this nature and they indicated that it would indeed be appropriate. She further reported that the Selectmen suggested that the Conservation Commission may want to ask Mr. West to give a couple of estimates, one to do the 50 acre and 8 other large areas and one to do all of the wetlands in town. Mbr. O'Brien stated that she spoke with Mr. West relative to approximate cost for additional work and he indicated that, to give an idea of expense, that he is currently inventorying 48 wetland areas in Newfields and the fee for that service is around \$12,000. Mbr. O'Brien also stated that she is looking for any grant funding that might be available for such a study. Theresa Walker stated that there may be some funding in the form of a matching grant of up to \$8,000 which she will research.

Objectives were discussed. Alt. deBeer stated that one of the goals should be to develop a process for evaluating requests for Variances and Special Exceptions regarding Aquifer and Wetland Protection areas.

Mr. West's approach was discussed and Mbr. O'Brien stated that in her conversation with him he mentioned power point and aerial views. It was agreed that accumulating data & the identification of any additional areas that qualify for Prime Wetland designation would probably be worth the cost of a study.

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Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 17, 2006 meeting as written.
Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with favorable vote except for Mbr. Knee who abstained as he was not present at that meeting.

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GLEN OAKES

Heidi Carlson in the Selectmen's office related via e-mail today that the remittance advice has arrived from the State of NH, that the \$20,000 grant for Glen Oakes had been put into the Town's account and the project is complete! The Commission received the Recreational Trail Program Grant Summary Report and an April 21, 2006 correspondence from Bill Gegas, NHDRED, relative to the property purchase.

The Members again discussed signs. Mbr. O'Brien stated that she has spoken with Jason Teasner from the NH Forest Society who advised that their basic wood signs would cost approximately \$300.00. He will send a picture of a sign design to her tomorrow. There was a discussion relative to timing for installing the sign and it was agreed to have it done sometime before September, possibly mid to late August.

NATURAL RESOURCES OUTREACH COALITION (NROC)

Mbr. O'Brien reported that she met with the School Board who agreed that the school sign, school Newsletter and gym can be used for the NROC dealing with growth meetings. This has been confirmed. The schedule for the NROC meetings is May 16, presentation on June 12 and a follow-up to the presentation on June 19, 2006. There was a discussion relative to postings and advertisements for the presentation. Mbr. O'Brien asked Mr. Knee if his Spruce Swamp power point presentation for part of the NROC presentation and he agreed that it could.

Mbr. O'Brien reported that NROC has asked that specific invitations be sent and she has created a list of the people who were at the original meeting and showed interest. She added that the postage cost will be approximately \$25.00.

Alt. deBeer made the motion that the Conservation Commission authorize and approve spending of \$25.00 for postage for the NROC presentation.

Motion seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

EXETER RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ERLAC)

Mbr. Sturdivant stated that she contacted Peter Bolduc for more information about meeting dates and time commitment to ERLAC and found that she would like to be a member of the committee. She filled out the necessary paperwork and dropped it off at the Selectmen's office, but she hasn't heard from them yet.

WETLAND/WATERSHED PROTECTION ORDINANCE

Theresa Walker of RPC has been asked for help in gathering information and criteria used by other towns, to use for wetland ordinance interpretation, guidelines and defining the terms and intent for wetlands use for the ordinance and will be contacted again.

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Thom Roy's memo was discussed further without resulting in any specific recommendations to the ordinance at this time. It was suggested that meeting with the CC before applying to the ZBA maybe a prudent step for the property owner.

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Notice from the Raymond ZBA informing the Town that the hearing on the Paradise Ridge Manufactured Home Park on Old Shirkin Road, which is the Raymond side of the Country Woods Estates, has been continued to 7:30 pm May 10, 2006 in room 101 at the Raymond High School.
- 2 ZBA April 11, 2006 Notice of decision (denial) for the rehearing for Edward Gibbs, Map 3 Lot 117.
- 3 An application form for The New Hampshire Coverts Project fall training workshop.
- 4 A comment sheet and public notice from the Planning Board relative to the Eric Michaud 2 lot subdivision at 55 Andreski Drive, Map 2 Lot 156.1-21. The applicant has already met with the Commission and has received Special Exceptions from the ZBA for placement of a well a driveway.

CURRIER, William & Joanne
Map 1 Lot 048

The May 2, 2006 site visit and the proposed eleven lot subdivision for the Currier property were briefly discussed. The Planning Board design review phase has been almost completed.

Mbr. O'Brien made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm.
Motion seconded by Alt. deBeer with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bolduc